UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

CIVIL ACTION # 05-30008-MAP

| DOUGLAS ALBERT,) Plaintiff) | - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 |
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| v.) | |
| MICHAEL THOMAS, et al) Defendants) | |

JOINT STATEMENT UNDER RULE 16

Now come the parties in the above-captioned case and state they have conferred pursuant to t the Rule 16, and propose the following discovery plan and schedule for filing of motions.

- Automatic discovery pursuant to Local Rule 26.2 will be complied with by April 15,
 2005.
- 2. **Non-expert Interrogatories and Requests for Production**. The parties contemplate the written discovery be served by May 15, 2005.
- Non-expert Depositions. The parties agree that non-expert depositions be completed by October 15, 2005.
- 4. **Expert witness disclosures**. The parties agree that the plaintiff and defendant designate experts by December 15, 2005.
- 5. **Expert Interrogatories and Depositions**. The parties contemplate that expert interrogatories be served by February 15, 2006 and expert depositions be completed by February 15, 2006.

- Motions Dispositive. The parties agree that Rule 56 motions be filed by March 15,
 2006, oppositions filed by April 15, 2006, and that oral arguments be set down thereafter.
- 7. **Final Pre-trial Conference**. The parties agree that a final pre-trial conference be held in Spring, 2006 and that a trial date be set for the Fall of 2006.
- 8. **Magistrate-Judge Trial**. The parties do not consent to trial before a Magistrate-Judge at this time.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned hereby certify that they have conferred with their respective clients regarding a budget for various courses of litigation and the possibility of alternative dispute resolution.

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